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AMENDED CLAIM 1: An apparatus consisting of a generally rectangularly shaped fuel cartridge, whose width is greater than its depth, where the cartridge consists of metal sidewalls, a metal bottom and a metal top, said cartridge holding alcohol gel fuel, said top further characterized in that it comprises at least one flame exit aperture of, generally rectangularly shape, which aperture permits fumes from alcohol gel to emanate from the cartridge, where the overall dimensions of the cartridge are slightly smaller than the dimensions of a generally rectangularly shaped cavity inside a generally rectangularly shaped non-combustible simulated logset, said simulated logset further characterized in that it is a unitary piece cast as a single item, yet gives the appearance of multiple logs and twigs touching one another, where the width of the logset is greater than its depth, which logset fits around and over the cartridge, and where the logset has multiple flame exit openings in its top which permit multiple flames to rise from above the fuel cartridge and through the multiple flame exit openings, thereby simulating a realistic fireplace by producing multiple flames that are surrounded by multiple logs and twigs.

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Thank you!

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Mr. Weinberger,

To assist our discussion regarding your Draft claim titled "AMENDED CLAIM 1", I have drafted the following claim. The following claim has been drafted merely as an attempt to define the claim in a more clear and definite manner than the Draft claim titled "AMENDED CLAIM 1", presented by applicant by facsimile transmission on 10-05-2004.

Applicant should note that this claim **does not** at this time represent subject matter though by the examiner to be patentable over the prior art of record.

1. An apparatus consisting of:

- a. a generally rectangular shaped fuel cartridge having,
 - i. a width that is greater than its depth,
 - ii. said cartridge consists of metal sidewalls of a given height, a metal base and a metal top and defining an interior space containing alcohol gel fuel,
 - iii. said top comprises at least one flame exit aperture of generally rectangular shape which permits fumes from the alcohol gel fuel to emanate from the interior space of the cartridge;
- b. a generally rectangular shaped simulated log set,
 - i. said simulated log set formed from a noncombustible material and shaped as a unitary cast element including a top,
 - ii. said top comprising multiple flame exit openings formed between a plurality of simulated log set simulated elements which are formed to present the appearance of multiple logs and twigs touching one another;
- c. the generally rectangular shaped log set is shaped and configured to define a generally rectangular internal cavity open on a bottom side thereof,
 - i. the generally rectangular internal cavity being sized and dimensioned to be slightly larger than the width, depth

and height of the fuel cartridge such that the fuel cartridge fits inside the cavity;

- d. the log set is fitted around and over said cartridge to permitting portions of a flame formed from combustion of the fumes from the alcohol gel fuel and rising from the least one flame exit aperture of generally rectangular shape fuel cartridge to pass through the multiple flame exit openings and extend to a location above the top of the simulated log set, thereby simulating a realistic fireplace by producing multiple flames that are surrounded by multiple simulated logs and simulated twig elements.